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TO AMEMBASSY ROME

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EAIR, IT

SUBJECT: CIVAIR - GROUND HANDLING AND USER CHARGES

1. DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED LETTER FROM PAN AM CONCERNING  
RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN ITALY RE GROUND HANDLING AND USER  
CHARGES.

2. RE GROUND HANDLING, PAN AM LETTER CITES RECENT  
ITALIAN PRESS ARTICLES WHICH DISCUSS POSSIBILITY OF  
ALITALIA ESTABLISHING HOLDING COMPANY AND ASSUMING FULL  
RESPONSIBILITY FOR ALL GROUND HANDLING SERVICES AT FUMICINO  
AND CIAMPINO AIRPORTS.

ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, THE PRESENT COMPANY, SAR, WOULD  
BE SPLIT INTO TWO FUNCTIONAL ENTITIES; ONE FOR PASSENGER,  
CARGO AND RAMP HANDLING, AND THE OTHER FOR ALL OTHER AIR-  
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PORT FUNCTIONS PRESENTLY UNDER THEIR CONTROL. IT IS  
ALLEGED THAT AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE HAS ALREADY BEEN  
REACHED BETWEEN SAR, AZ AND THE GOVERNMENT, AND PERHAPS  
THE UNIONS. A MEETING AT THE MINISTERIAL LEVEL IS REPORTED  
TO BE PLANNED FOR THE NEAR FUTURE.

3. RE USER CHARGES, PAN AM HAS PROVIDED DEPARTMENT WITH

TEXT OF AUGUST 9 TELEX TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE IATA CHARGES  
WORKING GROUP FROM CHAIRMAN OF THE GROUP, MR. DIRLEWANGER:

QUOTE RE ITALY. CONCERNED ITALIAN UNDERSECRETARY MINISTRY  
TRANSPORT DISCLOSED TO CHARGES WORKING GROUP DELEGATION  
THAT PRESIDENT HAS ALREADY SIGNED, ON 13 JULY, THE LAW  
INCREASING AIRCRAFT AND PASSENGER SERVICE CHARGES ON  
INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS FIFTY PERCENT EFFECTIVE 13 OCTOBER  
1978. I PROTESTED AGAINST LACK CONSULTATION, LACK  
JUSTIFICATION AND LATE NOTICE AND STATED THAT DELEGATION  
UNABLE RECOMMEND ACCEPTANCE INCREASE TO MEMBERS. UNDER  
SECRETARY READY MEET CHARGES WORKING GROUP DELEGATION  
AGAIN SEPTEMBER OR OCTOBER TO DISCUSS FINANCIAL STATISTICS  
ITALIAN AIRPORTS. LETTER FOLLOWS. UNQUOTE

PAN AM ADDS THAT IT EXPECTS PROPOSED SEPTEMBER OR OCTOBER  
MEETING WILL BE LITTLE MORE QUOTE THAN AN EXERCISE IN  
COSMETICS TO PROVIDE SOME APPEARANCE OF COOPERATION BY  
THE GOVERNMENT. UNQUOTE

4. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY REQUESTED CONFIRM ACCURACY  
PAN AM LETTER. DEPARTMENT PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN  
REPORTS THAT ALITALIA MAY SOON ASSUME CONTROL OF THE  
GROUND HANDLING MONOPOLY.

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5. COMMENT: WE HAVE ALSO JUST RECEIVED LETTER FROM TWA  
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WHICH COMMENTS NEGATIVELY ABOUT THE PROPOSED FIFTY  
PERCENT INCREASE IN CHARGES. CHRISTOPHER

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